



**Parent Information and Update Sessions
Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th June 2015**

Minutes from Parent information and update session June 2015

Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 16th June 5pm – number attending – 4

Wednesday 17th June 2015 9am – number attending – 9

Main points presented

Parental questions and comments with responses from Mrs Sharpe:

1. Follow up from last meeting

a. School Website

Gerry Hulme has updated site and has added most of the requested items. It now includes

- Up to date calendar
- Term dates
- School catchment area
- Copy of the latest newsletters
- Curriculum maps for all subjects will be on by the end of term.
- Read Write Inc. Information.
- List of clubs with relevant form.
- Lists of dates in advance
- Anything new on the first page.

Still to do

- Photographs of staff
- Spellings?
- Anything else

Parent question/comment	Response
The Website has definitely improved. The up to date calendar is really useful. KS1 spellings would be really useful. Knowing what type of sums are on ten minute maths cards would be useful.	Miss Hulme will be asked to liaise with KS1 teachers to get this information.

b. Handwriting

The presentation of children's work has improved dramatically since this focus which began in January. Children are very motivated.

More certificates have been introduced for pupils from reception to year 2 prior to pen licence.

Parent question/comment	Response
Most parents reported that they had noticed improvements in handwriting.	

c. After School Clubs

The suggestions for new club ideas have been shared with Mrs Pryor who oversees after school provision.

This group's suggestion of charging £5 per half term per club (half price for those in receipt of pupil premium) was forwarded to the governor's finance committee and agreed. This was in response to the information that after school clubs cost the school £9000 per year.

The idea of a Change for life Club for whole families was felt to be a really good idea. Mrs Pryor will meet with Mrs Bateman and Mrs Johns to put together a programme.

Parent question/comment	Response
Very positive feedback regarding range and quality of clubs	
Mixed feedback regarding splitting football into boys and girls.	
Suggestion that a choir / singing club be set up.	
Is the cost due to clubs being led by Learning Assistants?	Yes
Are numbers going to be monitored?	Yes

d. Parent Cafe

The reopening in the mornings run by parents was fairly successful and a huge thank you to all those who took on this responsibility.

We ran one training session (The Importance of Play) which was attended by 2 parents.

Unfortunately due to the additional class in September – Room 10 will not be available.

Parent question/comment	Response
It would be nice if we could have it back in the future.	Strongly agree.

e. Physical Development (P.E.)

Mrs Pryor was delighted with the positive feedback regarding the whole school approach to PE at the last meetings.

We have an amazing Healthy School Activity week which Mrs Pryor has organised for next week.

The House system has really taken off and has been very good for the children's personal and social development. The inter house competitions at the end of each half term are very popular.

Mrs Pryor has tried to move forward on the suggestion of a Redruth KS1 sports festival event, but feedback from other schools has been

very mixed. However St Meriadoc Infants are keen to organise an event with us.

Parent question/comment	Response
There is a really positive model of schools working together in the Helston area. Is there anyone in the Local Authority who could pick this up?	I am not aware of anyone in the LA, but we could look at the Helston model and try to copy it.
Can you tap into the Redruth Learning group?	The school is part of the Redruth Learning group and this is the approach we are using, however we will keep trying.

2. The Additional Reception Class (from Sept) and any potential future development.

The bid for new classrooms to enable us to increase to four form entry (submitted in December) was unsuccessful – it appears that almost all of the successful bids were for maintenance only (e.g. replacement fire alarms).

The Local Authority contacted all schools in the Camborne, Pool, and Redruth area just before half term as there were a significant number of new reception pupils in the area who still did not have school places. As we had a spare room (room 10/the café) an offer of an additional class was put forward to the Local Authority which was accepted.

As the nursery building was restructured with this possibility in mind, very little needs to be done structurally. And as the school was already considering four form entry should the bid have been successful, the practical organisational strategies are already in place.

Parent question/comment	Response
Concern regarding lunchtime crowds and noise for more sensitive children.	Inevitably there will be a bit more noise, but the lunchtime staggered arrangements allow for additional classes. There will also be additional staff.
Agreement that 'If this was my child, I would want the school to do this'	
What happens to the children after reception?	The children will stay with us until they transfer to the Junior school?
Does the new reception class have its own toilets?	Yes

<p>What will happen when they get to the Juniors?</p>	<p>The Junior school were consulted before agreeing to take the children. They have room for the additional class and three years to prepare.</p>
<p>Is this just one year? Will you have an obligation to take extra children year on year?</p>	<p>At present we do not have any extra rooms for an extra class. The decision whether to add extra rooms and take more children needs to be made by the full governing body.</p>
<p>If only 10 children turn up, will you be short of money?</p>	<p>If not enough children arrive then the class will run at a loss.</p>
<p>Is there a plan to increase Nursery numbers?</p>	<p>Although we have more applicants than places, at present there are not the numbers to justify an additional Nursery class.</p>
<p>The morning group discussed the increase to 30 hours proposed by the government – it was agreed that not enough is known about this as yet.</p>	
<p>Would you consider losing the Nursery or moving it to another site to accommodate extra classrooms in the Nursery building? (consensus of opinion appeared to be that the maintaining the Nursery as it is would be the preferred option)</p>	<p>I personally would be very reluctant, but this is a good suggestion and needs to be considered by the governors.</p>

3. Outdoor / Woodland Learning Area

A few suggestions about using woodland areas near the school (from a previous meeting) were tentatively followed up, but did not lead anywhere.

It was therefore decided to develop the wooded bank area near the front entrance (beside classes 8 and 9).

Outdoor learning will be a school development area next school year and a working group will be established to move this on. Interested parents will be very welcome.

Parent question/comment	Response
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<p>All agreed that this sounds like a fantastic opportunity.</p> <p>It was suggested that the school contact CORMAC (who have an agenda for community work), the Wildlife Trust and Nature Workshops in Redruth.</p> <p>How much do the Year 1 classes use the garden area outside Classes 4 & 5? Could this area be improved?</p>	<p>All of these suggestions will be followed up.</p> <p>This will be investigated and followed up.</p>
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4. Any other business

Parent question/comment	Response
<p><u>After School Care</u> This was raised by both groups at different points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ease traffic congestion at the end of the day? • As a possible source of funding? • A joint project with the junior school? • Possibly running a pilot/ trial before committing to something not financially sustainable? <p><u>Awards</u> Particularly for non-academic achievement.</p>	<p>The school carried out consultation some years ago and concluded that the time was not right for a number of reasons including other providers not being full.</p> <p>It was agreed that this should not go out to full consultation yet as there is nowhere to house this provision at the moment, but that it should be forwarded to governors to consider alongside any other plans for expansion, building etc.</p> <p>The present system for celebration assembly on Monday and Rights Respecting Assembly (Leaf Assembly) on Friday were shared.</p> <p>It was agreed that the class cups have a 'hard life' and some are looking a little shabby, so new ones would be nice.</p>